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[Untimely Protest to Rejection of All Bids]. B-189273. June 21, 1977. 1 pp.

Decision re: Wessel Co., Inc.; by Milton Socolar (for Paul G. Dembling, General Counsel).

Issue Area: Federal Procurement of Goods and Services (1900). Contact: Office of the General Counsel: Procurement Law II. Budget Function: General Government: Other General Government (806).

Organization Concerned: Government Printing Office. Authority: 4 C.P.R. 20.2.

The protester objected to the award of a readvertised solicitation, alleging that the rejection of its original bid on the basis that it was "adjudged too high" was improper. Since the protest was not filed within 10 working days of the time the protester learned of the basis for the protest, the protest was untimely and not for consideration on its merits. (Author/SC)

DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, O.C. 20545

FILE: 3-189273

DATE:

June 21, 1977

MATTER OF:

The Wessel Company, Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest not filed within 10 working days after protester learns of basis for protest is untimely and not for consideration on merits.

The Wessel Company, Inc. (WCI) protests to this Office the award of readvertised Jacket No. 233-068 by the United States Government Printing Office (GPO). WCI states that ale award followed the rejection of all bids under the original advertisement but that the rejection of its bid on the basis that it was "adjudged too high" was improper.

The documents submitted by WCI reveal that WCI was notified on May 9, 1977 of the rejection of all hids. By letter dated May 16, 1977, received by WCI on May 19, 1977, GPO advised WCI of the basis for the rejection and also advising that any further protest should be made to this Office.

Section 20.2 of our Bid Protest Procedures requires that protests be filed not more than 10 days after the basis for protest is known. WCI's protest was filed (received) by this Office on June 8, 1977, more than 10 working days after WCI received GPO's letter on May 19th. In view thereof, the protest is untimely filed and will not be considered on the merits.

Paul G. Dembling
General Counsel

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